

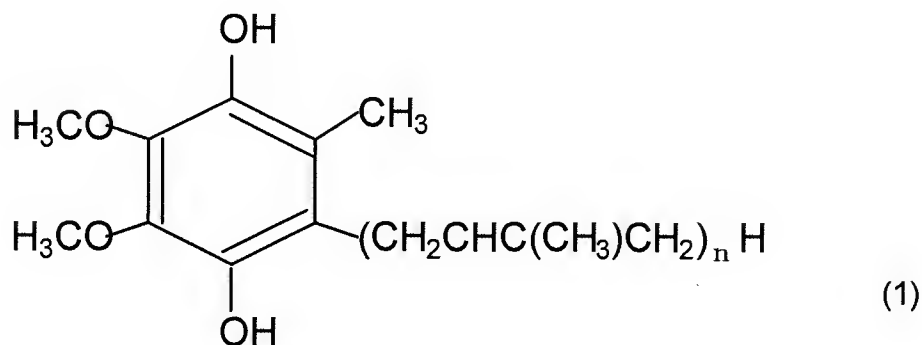
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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LISTING OF CLAIMS:

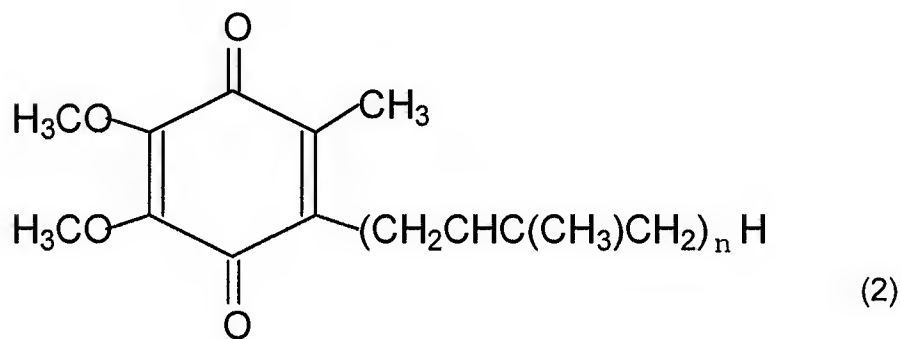
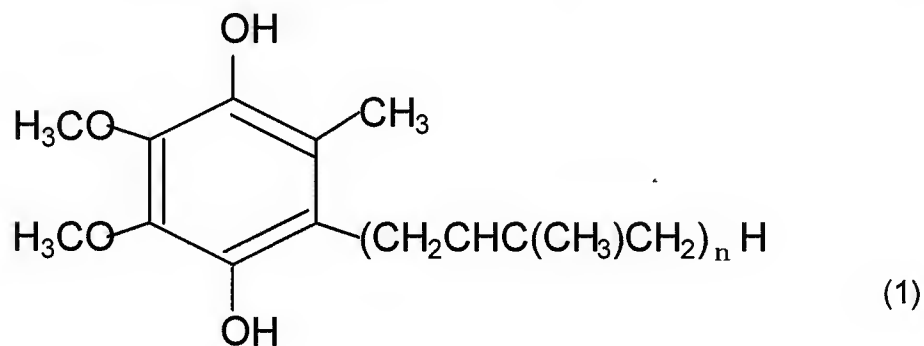
1 to 27. (canceled).

28. (new): A method for reducing fatigue in animals in the state of fatigue, which comprises administering, to said animals, a fatigue reducing agent comprising reduced coenzyme Q represented by the following formula (1) (wherein n represents an integer from 1 to 12) as an active ingredient



29. (new): A method for reducing fatigue in animals in the state of fatigue, which comprises administering, to said animals, a fatigue reducing agent comprising reduced coenzyme

Q represented by the following formula (1) and oxidized coenzyme Q represented by the following formula (2) (wherein n represents an integer from 1 to 12) as the active ingredients



30. (new): The method according to claim 28 or 29, wherein the coenzyme Q is coenzyme Q₁₀.

31. (new): The method according to claim 28 to 29, wherein the agent is directly applied to skin.

32. (new): The method according to claim 28 or 29, wherein the animals are vertebrates.

33. (new): The method according to claim 28 or 29, wherein the animals are mammals.

34. (new): The method according to claim 28 or 29, wherein the animals are humans.

35. (new): The method according to claim 28 or 29, wherein the animals are middle aged or older persons.

36. (new): The method according to claim 28 or 29, wherein the fatigue is physical exhaustion during or after sickness.

37. (new): The method according to claim 28 or 29, wherein the fatigue is muscle fatigue.